

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to this invention, a fingerprint sensor is mounted for fingerprint collation, and a movable protection unit which coverts the fingerprint sensor is arranged. In fingerprint authentication, the protection unit moves to expose the fingerprint sensor. Along with movement, the apparatus is powered on and activated, and the fingerprint sensor also operates to perform collation processing. The protection unit which covers the fingerprint sensor in normal use is formed by a member capable of handwriting input. This arrangement provides an information terminal apparatus which has a collation function and enables handwriting input.